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Prayer to St Michael

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.



May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and you, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL

We love one another so that all may have a sense of belonging; desire a relationship with God; and want to share the Good News with others.



17th March 2024

5th Sunday of Lent Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause

against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O

God, are my strength.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, Oh God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12: 20-30

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat

falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Next Week's Readings Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned

me?

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15: 47

WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK

Monday 18 7.30 am - Mass (St Patrick's Day) Tuesday 19 7.30 am - Mass (St Joseph's Day)

Wednesday 20 7.30 am - Mass Thursday 21 7.30 am - Mass Friday 22 9.00 am - Mass Saturday 23 9.00 am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil 23 5.00pm - Mass

Sunday 24 7.00am / 8.30am / 10.00am

Our website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigal

Welcome to all our visitors! May you feel at home in our Parish.

PARISH INFORMATION:

Baptisms:

Sunday Mornings at 11.30am by appointment. Enquiries to our Parish Office to enrol.

Annointing of the Sick:

With 9am Mass on the last Friday of the month. Please ring the Parish Office if you have a loved one who is ill or dying.

Reconciliation:

Before and after Saturday 9am Mass (8.30-10am) or phone the Parish Office for an appointment.

Weddings and Funerals:

Enquiries to the Parish Office.



Giving in the Parish

We have **two regular collections** in the parish each weekend.

The First Collection goes to a common fund (**Pastoral Revenue**) across all diocesan parishes and is used to support the Bishop and all the priests (active and retired) in the Diocese. Donations for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Easter and Christmas offerings also go to the Pastoral Revenue.

The Second Collection (**Church Account**) stays in the parish to meet all our expenses. Rents, planned giving, regular direct debits and other donations (unless explicitly directed elsewhere) go to the Church Account. Funds from the account built, and is now used to maintain the church, hall, offices, presbytery and grounds. It pays for all our running costs including insurance, employment and office, church and pastoral expenses. Donations through *Tap 'n' Go* in the church and *Donate Now* on our website go to the Church Account.

All other **special collections** go to the charity or activity that is advertised when we have the appeal.

Thank-you all for your on-going generosity to all these collections.

Family Mass

Kindergarten and Year 6 students from the school and their families will be joining us for the Saturday Vigil (5pm) Mass.



Please make them welcome.

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This Weekend 16/17 March 2024

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince - K & Yr 6 Family Mass

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Vince 10.00am Fr Vince

Next Weekend 23/24 March 2024 (Palm Sunday)

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Vince 10.00am Fr Vince

Palms Needed

Palm Sunday is March 24th. We are requesting if you are able to bring Palms for use in the Liturgy and for decorating the Church please bring them in from Tuesday 19th. There will be a bin with water placed outside the piety stall for the large fronds. Small fronds, if cut up, can be brought to the office.

Helpers will be needed Saturday morning at 10am to help decorate the church. If you can assist leave your name with the Parish Office.



Liturgical Feasts

This year, with the Easter calendar, the liturgical celebration of St Patrick's Day will be on Monday 18th March and the Annunciation on Monday 8th April. On these days, and on the feast of St Joseph (Tuesday 19th March) we will celebrate Mass at 7.30am.

Reconciliation

A good way to celebrate Lent and prepare for Easter



Kincumber Tuesday 19th March

Woy Woy Thursday 21st March 7pm

First Rite at Terrigal

Saturdays 8.30am – 10am Wednesday 27th March 7pm – 8pm Friday 29th March 8.30am – 10am Saturday 30th March 8.30am – 10am





6pm on Friday's during Lent.

Preparing for Easter

A new date is to be advised for our reflection.

None of us know our future except for one certain thing- that we will all face a final Judgment.

When? It will come "like a thief" (2 Peter 3:10).

But what do we know about it?

What does scripture tell us?

Every Sunday morning there is at least one American televangelist on TV giving us grim forebodings...

Minor Protestant sects especially love it.... "the end times"

Jehovah Witnesses say only 144,000 actually go to Heaven... as there are world wide at least 7 million of them this is rather discouraging.

But what does Scripture say ..."then I saw the number who were sealed 144,000" (Revelation 7:4).

St Paul speaks of us all being gathered "in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). What does this actually mean?

All this for our discussion and study.

Chris Hartcher

Bible Study and Discussion

Where: In the Divine Mercy Chapel, on the

right-hand side of the church.

When: Thursday Nights

Time: 6pm to 7pm.

Bring your Bible with

you.

All Welcome



Exploring the Scriptures

Join a small group to read and reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday.

When: 10.30am on Thursday mornings in

the Parish Office. Attend when you

can, all welcome.

Enquiries to the Parish Office or to

Bernie 0414 653 146

New Sunday Mass Times

The new times of 7.30am and 9.30am have been approved by the Dean and the Bishop.

We will start the new times on the weekend of 6th / 7th April, that is, the weekend after Easter.

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

is a simple Lenten resource prepared by Fr Kenneth Hagen based on Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024. It is just one page, with one question for your reflection each week of Lent. Copies are available at the door of the church.

In his message the Pope invites all Christians to reflect on ways by which we can leave the "desert" of the present time and discover the "freedom" which God offers his people.

Question Five: What prevents me from hearing the cry of the oppressed? Does the cry trouble me? Does the cry move me?

Men's Bushwalking Group



Another spectacular day out on Tuesday at Bombi Point in Bouddi National Park. Great visibility where we could see all the way down to Manly. Many of our regular walkers were unable to participate for a variety of reasons and we look forward to catching up on our next walk. Lunched at the Kincumber Hotel where another of the gentleman was able to join the conversation.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 26th March. Trail location will be determined closer to the time. Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson at stimrobinson@hotmail.com or on 0401 058 329 and you can get further details including where to meet for the walk.

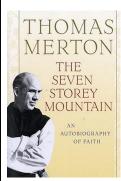
If you would like to join us for lunch, please contact Stim as above.

Passiontide Carols Service

A special service will take place immediately after the 5pm Vigil Mass (at 6pm) for Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Saturday 23rd March. Members of the Cathedral Schola and the Maris Stella Diocesan Youth Choir will perform a selection of hymns and passiontide carols, interspersed with some Easter readings and reflection.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear the beautiful music that marks the most pensive and penitent season in our Church calendar – Lent. Everyone is welcome. Supper will be served following the service.

Book Club



The book club for March has been cancelled as it would have fallen on Good Friday, so we will pick up again at the end of April on the 26th in the Parish Offices at 1600. We will be reading Thomas Merton . Thomas Merton was the author of the most famous book ever written by an American Catholic, writes Michael Mott, his biographer. The Seven Storey Mountain became a classic of thought and faith in the postwar

years. His book has often been compared to St Augustine's Confessions. It is really a conversion story and outlines Merton's search for God in contemplation. He was influenced by John of the Cross.

In May we will be reading **Born Bad** by James Boyce and in June we will be reading Jacques Phillipe's book on prayer called **Time for God**.

If you find any of these books interesting please join us on the last Friday of every month at 1600 in the Parish Office. (Excepting this month) gazboantonius@gmail.com



The Latest BBN Publication is available from the front doors of the Church.

Please take one to read.

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH, TERRIGAL

Holy Thursday 28th March 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Volunteers needed to have feet washed



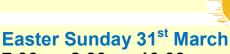
Good Friday 29th March

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion



Easter Vigil 30th March 7.30pm



7.00am 8.30am 10.00am
The Resurrection of the Lord



ALL WELCOME 165 Serpentine Road, Terrigal Ph: 4367 4610

Lenten Program Resource

An e-flip book is available on the Diocesan website https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/lent-2024 or a digital PDF version can be downloaded here.

Hard copies can be collected at the door of the church.

TAIZE

RELAX IN MEDITATION AND SILENCE
Join us for 1 hour of TAIZE Music and Prayer

Saturday 16th March 2024

6:30pm for 7.00pm START Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Terrigal

All Denominations and ages are welcome.

Join us for a cuppa afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.



Catholic Women's League

18th March Coffee morning 10.30 am at Breakers Country Club



25th March Branch Meeting 10.15 am for 10.30 am start – Guest Maria Kennedy.

New members always welcome. Enquiries: Ruth Robinson 0414434856

HELP PLEASE!

Catholic Women's League Broken Bay is looking for a book keeper to help pro bono with their accounts. It is not an onerous job.

Enquiries: Ruth Robinson,

M: 0414 434 856

The Chrism Mass

will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The priests to renew their priestly commitments; the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

On the Trail of Polish Saints Pilgrimage to Poland 4th-25th September 2024

Travel with Fr Bogdan and visit his home country. Visit historical and holy places such as Krakow, Gdansk, Warsaw, Auschwitz, Czestochowa and many more.

Approximate price is \$5500 (depending on numbers) not including airfare.

Expressions of interest to Fr Bodgan or the Kincumber Parish Office on 4369 1211.

Bookings will close on the 29th April.

NSW Seniors Festival

from 11th – 24th March celebrates the role and contributions of older adults to our local communities. It's the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere, with over 500,000 people attending each year. To mark this significant event, we asked some CatholicCare staff to share what they have learnt from working with seniors.

Click <u>here</u> to read their insights, that are profound and inspiring.

Many people come to CatholicCare for a career that makes a difference. Click here for our current vacancies.

Easter Camp - Biotou 2024

is being organised in Biotou (Port Moresby)
PNG from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday by
Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community, Port
Moresby. The leaders expect several hundred
people from the Diocese to participate. **Elias Bastoli**, a parishioner at Our Lady Star of the
Sea Terrigal, will be helping to lead the camp.
We are invited to partner with Elias and the
Disciples in this mission as:

- **Prayer Partner:** Praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Financial Partner: Supporting those whom the Lord calls to this mission who are unable to fund themselves.

Bank details are:

DOJCC Blue Mountains. Commonwealth Bank BSB 062 601 Account No.1003 5264 (Mention: Biotou 2024)

Women of the Well Weekend Retreat Friday 19th - Sunday 21st April at St Josephs

Spirituality Centre, **Kincumber South.**Cost is \$125 for new retreatants and \$350

for others. You can download the files here.

If you have any questions, contact Tricia at tricia@womenofthewell.com.au or 0417216917.

REGISTER FOR OUR APRIL WEEKEND RETREAT



Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes for this annual Lenten collection are available at the door of the church. Many resources are also available at https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/

2024 Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer. He wrote "From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a **great 'symphony' of prayer**. First of all, to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him."

Thus, *The Year of Prayer* will be a focal project for Mission Broken Bay in 2024 leading into the Jubilee Year of 2025. As a starting point *Teach us to Pray: Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025,* has been released by the Vatican, and is attached here for your reference.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message

"Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom" is the theme of Pope Francis' Message for Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

The Holy Father's Message is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." (Ex 20:1-17)

The Lenten exodus helps us to free ourselves from slavery. God sustains our hope-through an ecclesial, communitarian, and personal journey of conversion - to lead us to the land He wants to give us.

For Pope Francis' Lenten Message

Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2024
Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human

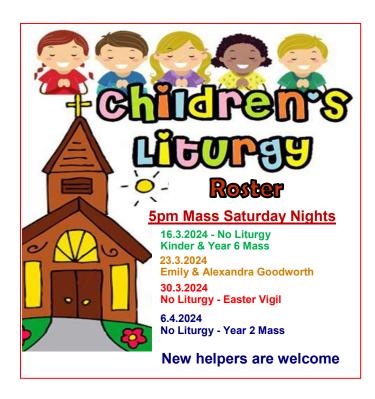
Development

Resources from the ACBC

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released two resources highlighting the dignity of women marking **International Women's Day** which was celebrated on Friday 8th March.

The first resource is a <u>prayer</u> of gratitude for women of our past, present and future, which can be used in a variety of settings.

The second resource is a new video series on Evangelise Plus, featuring five outstanding Catholic leaders discussing women's leadership. The resource is accompanied by a "How to use" document.



Pope's Prayer Network in Australia

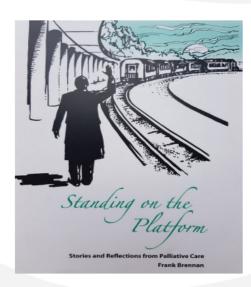
In the Pope's Video for March, he evidences that "there are more martyrs today than at the beginning of Christianity."

Pope Francis shares the shocking story of a woman who was assassinated by terrorists, and urges us to pray for "the martyrs of our day" of the "Church today." He explains that "The courage of the martyrs, the witness of the martyrs, is a blessing for everyone."

In the midst of adversity, their courage enlightens our journey and reminds us of the importance of persevering in the faith. Let us pray "that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive."

Reflections
on
Compassion
and
Palliative Care
with
Dr Frank
Brennan

CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH 10.00 – 11.30am Monday 25th March @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Terrigal



This month Café in the Church welcomes Dr Frank Brennan, Palliative Care Physician and author who will read selected short stories from his eloquent collection entitled "Standing on the Platform" and share his reflections on compassion and palliative care garnered over a long career that has spanned countries and communities.

Join us for a moving morning tea.

RSVP

Phone: 4367 4610

Email: starsea@bigpond.net.au or Leave your name on the form on the

table outside Church

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

16/3/2024	Server P Proust (EM) M Perry & R Zadro
23/3/2024	Server V & F Duverge (EM) M Perry & L O'Donnell
30/3/2024	Factor Vigil at 7 30nm

30/3/2024 Easter Vigil at 7.30pm

6/4/2024 Server L George (EM) J Tarrant & L O'Donnell

Sunday - 7.00am

17/3/2024	Server G Justin	(EM) M Slatery
24/3/2024	Server P Clayton	(EM) E Katselas
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31/3/2024 Easter

7/4/2024 Server B Lobo (EM) B Brown

Sunday - 8.30am

17/3/2024	Server P Quinn	(EM) A Bone & K Curtis
24/3/2024	Server D E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers & R Lentini
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31/3/2024 Easter

7/4/2024 Server N Carter (EM) R Lentini & R Ayers

Sunday - 10.00am

17/3/2024 Server N Carter (*EM*) V Wilmont & C Addison 24/3/2024 Server P Maniskas (*EM*) C Addison & A Hanson

31/3/2024 Easter

7/4/2024 Server P Quinn (EM) J Merrotsy & C Addison

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

If you wish to be involved in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

16/3//2024	(1) Connie Attard	(2) Maureen Reynolds
23/3/2024	(1) Lynches	(2) McCuddens

30/3/2024 Easter Vigil at 7.30pm 6/4/2024 (1) (2)

Sunday - 7.00am

17/3/2024 (1) Peter Clayton (2

24/3/2024 (1) Robyn Wild (2) Justine Hayes 31/3/2024 (1) Betty Brown (2) Sandrea Petith 7/4/2024 (1) John Sheehan (2) Sandrea Petith

Sunday - 8.30am

17/3/2023 (1) Christine Lovatt (2) Susan Debrincatt-Moffat 24/3/2024 (1) Graham Sproats (2) Jane Watt

31/3/2024 Susan Southwell

7/4/2023 (1) (2)

Sunday - 10.00am

10/3/2023 (1) C Addison (2) J Robinson 17/3/2023 (1) Joan Kearney (2) June Carlson 24/3/2024 (1) Janette Merrotsy (2) Anne Mackson 7/4/2024 (1) J Robinson (2) Joan Kearney

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

18th March 2024

Viv Ball, Ann Vidler, Chris Whalan, Marg Brown & Alison Bone

25th March 2024

Matt Riley, Felicity Riley, Heidi Bridger & Anna Fabri

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Archbishop Francis Carroll Elizabeth Fardy
Renee Tavasso Audrey Hadley John Brogan
Claire Parrington Ray Doyle Ray Southwell
Jill Crouch

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Peter Tracey
John & Moyna O'Donnell
Tony & Francis Stephens

Blake Hann
Fred & Clare Carter
Selina Orton

Emilia Annette Twiss
John Goodwin
Ray Shears

Sick

Francis Stapleton Robert & Gaye Badger Joshua McCarrol Patricia Cooper Marie Campbell Paul Grew Len Freeman John Lentini Michael Vesper Neville Squire Brian Connell Peta Smith Michael Murphy Doreen Cullen Michael Gilbert Mary Sofia Bob Clarke Pauline Walsh Pedro Luis Tamayo Jr Claire Hastings Zac William Bill Moore Anna Smith Joy Rawson Mary Smith Josh Reid Ken Copper Terri Marshall Brian Kemp

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please stay and join us

After 8.30 am Mass

Group 5 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 17.3.2024

Group 6 Nancy Carey-Berryman & Susan Connor

Group 1 Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch, Robyn Lentini

Sandra - 7.4.2024

Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne Coggan

- 14.4.2024

Group 3 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers

& Juliet Mathew - 21.4.2024

Group 4 Lee & Kerry Oliver - 28.4.2024

After 10.00 am Mass

Group 5 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy - 17.3.2024

Group 6 Linda Lee, Isabel Lee - 24.3.2024

Group 1 Joan Kearney, & Robyn Wilmot - 7.4.2024

Group 2 Ina Kite, Mary Portelli & Eileen Dodds - 14.4.2024

Group 3 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds & Mary Jones

- 21.4.2024

Group 4 Ian & Pat Rimes - 28.4.2024

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to help, please speak to Robyn after the Masses or contact the Parish Office. Thank you. Everyone is welcome, but we also invite you to bring along something to share together to eat. It may be a packet of biscuits, but more interesting is something to share that you have cooked. (Be ready to share the recipe as well!)











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Thank you to Luca Boffo for donating the water bottles for the Holy Water at Easter. Luca is now at **Chemist** Outlet Erina Central - next driveway down from the 7/11 petrol station and across the road from Freddy's fishing world. Phone 43653300



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